



## CMA Participates in Team CBRNE Congressional Expo

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), as part of Edgewood Team Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives or CBRNE participated in an exposition on March 9 at Downer Hall on Aberdeen Proving Ground-Edgewood Area. The exposition was held for Congressional Defense Committee Professional Staff Members (PSM) who oversee the Chemical and Biological Defense Program. Sponsored by the Joint Program Executive Office-Chemical Biological Defense, the event displayed the synergies and capabilities of the Edgewood Area—how the technology base elements work to transition technologies to the advanced development and procurement organizations who then field capabilities to the war fighter. Additionally, on March 12, the exposition was opened to Maryland Congressional Delegation members, Harford County government officials and participating organizations' workforces.

CMA displayed various information products along with the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project's (NSCMP) exclusive assessment and treatment equipment, including the Mobile Munitions Assessment System, the Single (Chemical Agent Identification Set) Access & Neutralization System and the Explosive Destruction System. CMA focused on its ongoing missions: treaty compliance; the safe, secure storage of the remaining declared chemical weapons stockpiles at Colorado and Kentucky; installation management at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colo.; NSCMP's assessment and destruction of recovered chemical warfare materiel; management of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, which provides emergency preparedness education to the communities surrounding chemical weapons stockpiles; and support to the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program as required.

"Any opportunity to get together and educate our peers is important so we participate in these events. Even though our stockpile destruction mission is finished, we still have many missions going strong," said Don Barclay, Acting CMA Director.

## Pueblo Chemical Depot to Host Emergency Response Meeting

Now that all the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency incineration sites have completed their missions and are in closure operations, Pueblo, Colo., is preparing for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program's (CSEPP) Annual Meeting. On June 26-27 Pueblo will host the Blue Grass Army Depot on and off-post CSEPP community, a continuation of the annual meeting held near stockpile sites throughout the past two decades.

Those tasked with the protection and preparedness of workers and citizens on and near Blue Grass Army Depot and Pueblo Chemical Depot work hard to maintain unity in the emergency response mission. Focus continues on sharing lessons learned and new innovative emergency response ideas and procedures.

CSEPP, a joint program between the Army and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), partners with state and local jurisdictions, and is adding expanded coordination with the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), which is responsible for destroying the Army's Colorado and Kentucky chemical stockpiles.



Larry Gottschalk, NSCMP Project Manager, talks to a Soldier about the Explosive Destruction System (EDS) Phase II. The EDS destroys chemical-filled, explosively configured munitions in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

At the exposition, CMA highlighted accomplishments to date and ongoing missions; showcased their exclusive recovered chemical warfare materiel assessment and treatment equipment; and discussed future plans for the upcoming year, as well as its overall role in the Edgewood Team CBRNE community. Since the audience at the exposition was diverse and included key decision-makers, there were many good interactions with stakeholders.

Through the CSEPP Portal, the new Virtual Joint Training Office and conference calls, much of the coordination from CMA Headquarters, FEMA, ACWA and the two storage sites works well. However, with only Kentucky and Colorado left, it is important to emphasize that everyone is a part of the same team with very specific emergency response goals. Face-to-face discussions with team members from each state provide the necessary confirmation. Equally important is communicating leadership's message.

Among the changes implemented at this year's meeting will be increased and targeted certified training, motivational and informative speakers, leadership sessions and task-oriented work groups designed to provide every attendee with the tools they need to stay focused, energized and committed to working together.

Everyone with a role in the Colorado/Kentucky CSEPP Community is invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.cseppannualmeeting.com](http://www.cseppannualmeeting.com) and watch for updates.

## NSCMP Exhibits at the Joint CBRN Conference and Exposition



Attendees at the Joint CBRN Conference and Exposition stopped by NSCMP's booth to learn more about its recovered chemical warfare materiel mission.

The U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP) participated in the 2012 Joint Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Conference and Exhibition in Baltimore, Md., from March 13-14. Formerly hosted at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the conference provided a forum for the exchange of CBRN defense information among war fighters, CBRN incident responders, technology developers, acquisition professionals and the supporting industry. The exchange focused on a better understanding and increased responsiveness to CBRN defense users' needs. Selected speakers from CBRN defense stakeholder organizations discussed current issues and future direction.

NSCMP participated in Exhibition Showcase, with a 10-foot display inside detailing the project's assessment and treatment capabilities. NSCMP was one of two organizations that had an outdoor exhibit as well, where attendees toured the Mobile Munition Assessment System.

## Japanese Delegation CBRNE Expo visit



A group from the Japan Ground Defense Force visited the Edgewood Team CBRNE Expo to learn about the U.S. Department of Defense/Army CBRNE capabilities and programs. CMA, in support of 20<sup>th</sup> Support Command, provided a capabilities tour. The Japan Ground Defense Force group consisted of five members and an interpreter.



## Avoiding Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Pain, tingling or numbness in the hand is often one of the first signs of carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), which results from pressure on the median nerve in the wrist. CTS is often caused by repetitive hand movements. People who spend a lot of time working on keyboards are more prone to developing CTS, but its effects can be avoided. Additionally, the sooner treatment is started, the better chance of stopping symptoms and preventing long-term nerve damage. Here are ways to avoid developing CTS:

- Take frequent breaks
- Rest the wrist and stop activities that cause numbness and pain
- Wear a wrist splint at night to keep the wrist in a neutral position
- If in pain, ice the wrist for 10-15 minutes every hour or two